

CLASSROOM COVENANT

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Introduction and Purpose of the Classroom Covenant:

Welcome to our classroom, a classroom of *personal responsibility*. The purpose of the Classroom Covenant is to protect and respect my right and responsibility to teach, and to protect and respect your right and responsibility to learn.

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is another word for an agreement. Our agreement is between the teacher and students along with their parents and guardians. It is an agreement that we must take seriously through our words and, most importantly, our actions. I will do my part, and I'm expecting you to do yours.

My Beliefs About Education and Life:

- 1 "While we are free to choose our actions, we are not free to choose the consequences of our actions."
 - a This includes both what you do and what you don't do.
- 2 You have the right to a quality education free from disruption, and the responsibility to work hard to earn your quality education free from disruption.
- 3 I have the right and responsibility to educate you and to create an environment of respect, trust, safety, and one that is free from bullying, disrespect and meanness.

My Goals for Students:

- 1 Earn an A or a B in my classes.
- 2 Develop personal responsibility, respect for yourself and others, and an appreciation of hard work.

The Three Golden Rules of the Classroom

- 1 *You must honor teaching and learning*
 - a Being on task
 - b Following all school rules including but not limited to:
 - c Behaving and speaking respectfully

Respectful Speech:

Respectful speech is actually a reflection of your own character. It is speech that is positive, kind and builds up loving relationships with other people. Disrespectful speech is and does the opposite. Respect is earned first by giving and showing it to others. This is my expectation for all of us.

2 *You must follow established classroom routines and rules:*

- a Entering the classroom in a quiet and orderly manner
- b Lining up properly and exiting the classroom in a quiet and orderly manner
- c Going directly to and sitting in your assigned seat
 - i Take out your planner
 - ii Begin the classroom warm-up
- d Being quiet during Quizzes and Tests
 - i Talking during a Quiz or Test will result in a two point deduction for each offense
- e Stopping when time is called
 - i When using the laptops, students will have 5 seconds to close the screens when asked. Failure to do so will result in lost computer privileges for the day and a zero for that day's computer assignments.
- f Computer & Internet rules and policies:
 - i For rules and policies, please refer to Parent and Student Handbook

3 *You must take ownership and responsibility for your education*

- a Doing and turning in all assignments
- b Staying awake and alert

Supplies:

At the beginning of each week, each student will receive a pen and a pencil. That will be their pen and pencil for the week. If a Math assignment is not completed in pencil it will count as a zero. The 6th graders and 8th graders will receive a pencil at the beginning of the week. That will be their pencil for the week. If any of the students lose their pencil it is their responsibility to obtain another pencil without disrupting the class.

Assignments:

My expectation is that everyone will complete all assignments on time, and turn them in on time. On time means that you have it completed on time and turned in by the due date. Until it is turned in a missing assignment counts as a zero, but it

can be turned in within 3 days of the due date and be counted as a 50%. Consistently having late or missing work may also result in parent/guardian contact.

Extra Credit Opportunities:

Extra credit assignments will be distributed on a need-be basis. Students may request extra credit assignments, but extra credit assignments will only be accepted if all other assignments have been completed.

If You Miss Class:

If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed only when it is convenient for the rest of the class and the teacher, and to make up everything and anything that you missed. For your convenience, daily activities will be posted on our class website.

Finish Strong in Everything that You Do!

One small move can make the difference between being good and being great. To achieve your goals, you must be willing to push yourself to finish like you've never finished before. It's your life; you are responsible for the results at the finish line. Parents/Guardians, encourage your students to finish strong in everything that they do. It will make a big difference.

Contact Information for Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians: I can be reached via email (farrell.m@sfsschool.org) and via cell (513.659.6169). I will make every effort to get back to you within one school day.